



THE TIME TRAVEL TALE OF JOHN TITOR

Although there is debate over the exact date it started, on 2 November 2000 a person calling himself "Timetravel_0", and later "John Titor", started posting on an Internet public forum that he was a time traveller from the year 2036.

One of the first things he did was post pictures of his time machine and its operations manual. As the weeks went by, more and more people began questioning him about why he was here, the physics of time travel and his thoughts about our time. He also posted on other forums including the old Art Bell website.

On 24 March 2001, John Titor revealed he would be leaving our time and returning to 2036. After that, he was never heard from again. Speculation and investigation about who John Titor was and why he was online continues to this day.

Although it may be easy to dismiss all this as science fiction, most people who read his posts agree that there is something very haunting about John Titor and what he said. In addition, and open to more debate, he also made a series of predictions and comments that eerily seem to be coming true.

As you read, please keep in mind that these posts were written before 9-11, the

Columbia space shuttle accident and the second Gulf War. Many people believe John may have known of these events and dropped clues without actually referring to them. It's also widely agreed that he made several predictions about future physics discoveries that have materialised as he stated.

A brief selection of some of the many questions and comments follows. The full postings have been collated and are available to all at the John Titor website, <http://www.johntitor.com>.

— Webmaster

John Titor: [In response to a barrage of questions] Although I do have personal reasons for being here and speaking with you, the most I could hope for is that you recognise the possibility of time travel as a reality. You are able to change your worldline for better or worse, just as I am. Although this will make me a far less interesting time traveller, these are the rules I personally try to hold to:

1. I will not disclose any information that will cause someone to gain personally by its knowledge. This means no stock or sports tips.

2. I will not disclose any detailed information that would allow someone to avoid death by probability. This means no earthquake or bomb information.

3. I will not disclose any information that may compromise any future actions by individual people or threaten their family and well-being. I will not disclose names or events associated with individuals.

Now for the physics. The grandfather paradox is impossible. In fact, all paradox is impossible. The Everett–Wheeler–Graham or multiple world theory is correct. All possible quantum states, events, possibilities and outcomes are real, eventual and occurring. The chances of everything happening some place at some time in the Superverse is 100 per cent. (For all you scientists out there, if Schrödinger's cat had a time machine, he might not be in the box at all.) Therefore, there is a worldline where you are alive, and another where you have gone back in time to kill your relative.

Differences between worldlines are measured from the perspective of the time traveller in terms of divergence percentage. The higher the divergence, the more "unlike" your destination worldline looks like compared to your worldline of origin.

Q: What are your memories of 2036?

A: It is difficult to describe 2036 in detail without spending a great deal of time explaining why things are so different.

In 2036, I live in central Florida with my family and I'm currently stationed at an army base in Tampa. A World War in

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2015 killed nearly three billion people. The people that survived grew closer together. Life is centred on the family and then the community. I cannot imagine living even a few hundred miles away from my parents.

There is no large industrial complex creating masses of useless food and recreational items. Food is grown and sold locally. People spend much more time reading and talking together face to face. Religion is taken seriously and everyone can multiply and divide in their heads.

Life has changed so much over my lifetime that it's hard to pin down a "normal" day. When I was thirteen, I was a soldier. As a teenager, I helped my dad haul cargo. I went to college when I was thirty-one, and I was recruited to "time travel" shortly after that. Again, I suppose an average day in 2036 is like an average day on the farm.

There is a civil war in the United States that starts in 2004/5. That conflict flares up and down for 10 years. In 2015, Russia launches a nuclear strike against the major cities in the United States (which is the "other side" of the civil war from my perspective), China and Europe. The United States counterattacks. The US cities are destroyed, along with the AFE (American Federal Empire)...thus we (in the country) won. The European Union and China were also destroyed. Russia is now our largest trading partner and the Capitol of the US was moved to Omaha, Nebraska.

One of the biggest reasons why food production is localised is because the environment is affected with disease and radiation.

We are making huge strides in getting it cleaned up. Water is produced on a community level and we do eat meat that we raise ourselves.

After the war, early new communities gathered around the current universities. That's where the libraries were. I went to school at Fort UF, which is now called the University of Florida. Not too much is different, except the military is a large part of people's life and we spend a great deal of time in the fields and farms at the "university", or fort.

The Constitution was changed after the war. We have five Presidents that are voted in and out on different-term periods. The Vice-President is the President of the Senate and is voted for separately.

Q: Why is time travel used?

A: Right now, it's used to get information or "items" that would be helpful in getting a post-WWIII world back to a normal condition.

On my worldline, life is not easy. We live in a world recovering from years of war, poison, destruction and hate. All of it, courtesy of the thinking and actions of people that live right now in the same world you do, worrying about which stocks to buy or whether or not a stranger is lying to them on the Internet.

I believe that hardship and challenge develop character and community. My first experience with war came when I joined a shotgun infantry unit at the age of thirteen. In the four years I served as a "rebel", I watched hundreds of people get

shot, burned and bleed to death. I know exactly where I was and every detail of the exact moment the first nuclear warheads began falling on Jacksonville. I know the pain and regret of not acting soon enough to enjoy a relationship as a loved one dies of brain cancer from a war that gained nothing.

How can you possibly criticise me for any conflict that comes to you? [Responding to some flak in earlier posts. Ed.] I watch every day what you are doing as a society. While you sit by and watch your Constitution being torn away from you, you wilfully eat poisoned food, buy manufactured products no one needs and turn an uncaring eye away from millions of people suffering and dying all around you. Is this the "universal law" you subscribe to?

Perhaps I should let you all in on a little secret. No one likes you in the future. This time period is looked at as being full of lazy, self-centred, civically ignorant sheep. Perhaps you should be less concerned about me and more concerned about that.

Imagine you are Jewish and you are able to travel back in time to Germany in 1935. All around you are the patterns of thinking and action that will lead to a great deal of harm, death and destruction in just a few years. You have the advantage of knowing what will come, but no one will listen to you. In fact, they think you're insane and the situations you describe could never happen.

What I feel is not anger; it is sadness that you cannot see what I see.

Q: What event started the war? Can it be stopped?

A: The war is a result of faulty politics and desperation from Western leadership during the US civil war. Yes, I suppose you could stop it.

Q: Were biological or chemical weapons used in the war? Were any weapons used that affected people's minds?

A: Yes; there were biological and chemical weapons used. No mind control weapons, but there are new "non-lethal" weapon systems that turn out to be quite lethal.

Q: Are there social prejudices in 2036?

A: Yes there are. However, as odd as it may sound, it serves a useful purpose in my



time. First, you must realise that your experiences with "prejudice" and mine are different. I would characterise the intolerance you have here as a result of ignorance and fear. I have observed that people with unfounded and irrational fears about their fellow man in this time have the luxury of not having their beliefs tested.

After the war, much of the prejudice you have now was swept away by simple necessity. People had to work and fight together just to survive. This has a way of opening a person's eyes as to the value of fellow human beings.

What difference does the colour of a man's skin make when you are both fighting against the same enemy to survive or find water or grow food? On my worldline, if a man doesn't pull his weight in the community, then we feel prejudice towards him as a burden to us. This feeling of shame he experiences then makes him realise his responsibilities.

Q: Is there some sort of new world government in place by 2011?

A: On my worldline in 2011, the United States is in the middle of a civil war that has dramatic effects on most of the other Western governments.

Q: I think Russia is still very likely to attack the United States with nuclear weapons. It's hard to imagine being here to see it.

A: You are also correct, but I want to add a twist to your thinking. Russia's enemy in the United States is not you, the average person. Russia's enemy is the United States government.

Q: Does the current relationship between Arabs and Jews have anything to do with the coming war?

A: Real disruptions in world events begin with the destabilisation of the West as a result of degrading US foreign policy and consistency. This becomes apparent around 2004 as civil unrest develops near the next presidential election. The Jewish population in Israel is not prepared for a true, offensive war. They are prepared for the ultimate defence. Wavering Western support for Israel is what gives Israel's neighbours the confidence to attack. The last resort for a defensive Israel and its offensive Arab neighbours is to use weapons of mass destruction. In the grand scheme of things, the war in the Middle

East is a part of what's to come, not the cause.

Q: Does anything happen in the year 2012? I've heard stories about the world ending.

A: In my 2012, I was fourteen years old, spending most of my time living, running and hiding in the woods and rivers of central Florida. The civil war was in its seventh year and the World War was three years away. Yes, there are unusual events in 2012, but they do not cause the world to end. Unfortunately, I have decided not to discuss events that you or I can do anything about. It is important that they be a surprise. Perhaps you are familiar with the story of the Red Sea and the Egyptians?

Q: How and why do the Arabs and Jews become entangled in the civil war of the USA?

A: They are not directly involved but political situations are dependent on Western stability, which collapses in 2005.

Q: The Arab countries appear to have weapons of mass destruction. Do they use them against America?

A: Not against America, but they are used against each other.

Q: Where is the new US Capitol?

A: The new US Capitol is in Omaha, Nebraska. After the war, the United States had split into five separate regions based on the various factors and military objectives they each had. There was a great deal of

anger directed toward the Federal government, and a revival of states' rights was becoming paramount. However, in their attempt to create an economic form of government, the political and military leaders at the time decided to hold one last Constitutional Congress in order to present a psychological cohesion from the old system. During this Congress, the leaders discovered and decided that coming up with a new and better form of government was nearly impossible. The original Constitution itself was not the problem; it was the ignorance of the people that lived under it.

The year 2008 was a general date by which time everyone will realise the world they thought they were living in was over. The civil war in the United States will start in 2004/5. I would describe it as having a Waco-type event every month that steadily gets worse. The conflict will consume everyone in the US by 2012 and end in 2015 with a very short World War III.

Q: Can you give us some personal stories of your past?

A: I was born in 1998, so I do share some childhood memories with all of you. I remember going to Disney World at Christmas and I remember going to the beach in Daytona. When the civil "conflict" started and got worse, people generally decided either to stay in the cities and lose most of their civil rights under the guise of security or leave the cities for more isolated and rural areas. Our home was searched once and the neighbour



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across the street was arrested for some unknown reason. That convinced my father to leave the city.

From the age of eight and until I was twelve, we lived away from the cities and spent most of our time in a farm community with other families, avoiding conflict with the Federal Police and National Guard. By that time, it was pretty clear that we were not going back to what we had, and the division between the "cities" and the "country" was well defined. My father made a living by putting together 12-volt electrical systems and sailing "commodities" up and down the coast of Florida. I spent most of my time helping him.

Outright open fighting was common by then, and I joined a shotgun infantry unit in 2011. I served with the "Fighting Diamondbacks" for about four years. (Hearing in my right ear isn't as good as I would like it.) The civil war ended in 2015 when Russia attacked the US cities (our enemy), China and Europe. As unusual and bad as my childhood might seem, I wouldn't trade it for anything.

Africa is not a pleasant place to be in 2036, although I would characterise it as recovering.

Russia and China have always had a very strange relationship. Even the news I see now indicates that continued weapons deals to allies, border clashes and overpopulation will lead to hostilities. The West will become very unstable, which gives China the confidence to "expand". I'm assuming you are all aware that China has millions of male soldiers right now that they know will never be able to find wives. The attack on Europe is in response to a unified European Army that masses and moves east from Germany. Also, please be aware that, from my viewpoint, Russia attacked my enemy who was in the US cities. Yes, the US did counterattack.

Australia is sort of interesting in what is unknown. After the war, they were not very cooperative or friendly (can't blame them, really). It is known they did repulse a Chinese invasion and most of their cities were hit. They have a trading relationship with the US, but I would characterise them as reclusive and ticked off.

The "enemy" that was attacked by Russia in the US was the forces of the government you live under right now.

The war had very profound affects on people and how they relate to each other. As individuals, almost everyone in 2036 is

very familiar with death. We all have stories of loved ones that have died from disease, war or acts of inhumanity. Most of us have even taken part in dishing the same thing out to the other side. As a result, we have become far more compassionate to the ones we love but much less forgiving to those who don't pull their weight. We are more accepting of others' differences in our community because we depend on them [others] to survive. We are also more conservative with our resources and closer to God because, for a period, life on Earth was Hell.

The other major difference is in the concept of good and evil. With multiple worlds come multiple decisions and outcomes. For every good act, there is an equal and possible bad act on another worldline. Taken to the extreme, this must mean that, in God's eyes, there is no total good and total bad in the Superverse. It balances itself out to infinity. I believe we are judged on the decisions we make as individuals, and the good/evil I see on my worldline is an illusion that has no worth to God. My reaction to it is what's important to God. Although this may seem rather heartless, it does allow me to see past the evil that people do and acknowledge the core of potential goodness inside them.

Q: Which country gets the worst in the war?

A: Again, the entire world is affected. Even if you don't take a direct hit, dying crops and no water can ruin your day.

Q: What exactly happens to the water?

A: Yes, radiation affected the water, but that can always be distilled out. There are biological hazards that cannot. In addition, fresh water is hard to come by without talking to someone with a gun first.

Q: Will you readily be able to identify the enemy?

A: They will be the ones arresting and holding people without due process.

Q: How do most people die during the war?

A: In this order: starvation, disease, bullet wounds, radiation.

Q: Nuclear warfare doesn't seem to be the biggest form of fighting in the future.

A: Nuclear war will be very effective at destroying an enemy's economy and the people's will to fight.

Q: John, you say one of the hardest things to do in 2036 is find clean water. You also say you only trust food you've grown. Is any of this a result of your experiences with biological warfare?

A: Yes and no. Yes, biological warfare and accidents do cause a great deal of problems, but the lack of a working infrastructure also hinders the continuation of the food manufacturing you depend on now.

You must realise that *why* people are fighting is more important than what they are fighting with. The conflict was not about taking and holding ground; it was about order and rights. They were betting that people wanted security instead of freedom, and they were wrong.

(Source: *The John Titor website, <http://www.johntitor.com>. Visit the website for more of John Titor's predictions and perspectives.*)



"Excellent! So when do we send it a signal to start bombing the place?"